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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature's webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. The following describes the various final actions.

*CARRIED OVER*..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature  
*CON RES XXX*..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died  
*DIED BETWEEN HOUSES*..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died  
*EMERGENCY*.....enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment  
*FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*.....emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote  
*FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*..... failed to receive final majority vote  
*FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT*..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote  
*HELD BY GOVERNOR*..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session  
*LEAVE TO WITHDRAW*.....sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*.....ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died  
*INDEF PP*..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died  
*ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X*.....ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died  
*P&S XXX*..... chapter # of enacted private & special law  
*PUBLIC XXX*.....chapter # of enacted public law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... chapter # of finally passed resolve  
*VETO SUSTAINED*..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is Friday, August 9, 2024. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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correctional facility, county jail or detention facility to receive the following information, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded:

1. Whether the alleged perpetrator remains employed at the facility and remains assigned to the same work location where the sexual misconduct or sexual harassment allegedly occurred; and
2. Whether the alleged perpetrator has or has not been criminally charged, including by indictment, or has been convicted of a crime arising out of the allegation of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment.

These amendments to the confidentiality laws are designed in part to ensure that the State's Department of Corrections and county jail and detention facilities comply with the requirements established by the United States Department of Justice under 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 115.73 pursuant to the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.

Public Law 2023, chapter 615 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2024.

### **LD 2290 An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 646 corrects technical inconsistencies, conflicts and errors in the laws of Maine. It also clarifies the intent of the Legislature that the exception to the hearsay rule for recordings of forensic interviews in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 16, section 358, which was enacted by Public Law 2023, chapter 193, applies to proceedings pending on the date that the law was enacted and to proceedings initiated after that date, regardless of when the conduct described in the forensic interview allegedly occurred.

Public Law 2023, chapter 646 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 22, 2024.